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Jim Thome celebrates
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» Try one of the new flavors of hot chocolate at Starbucks.

To drink

Warm up with one of three new signature hot chocolates (\$2.55-\$4) at Starbucks, including salted caramel and hazelnut.

To support

Pick up a \$10 gift package of pink-chocolate covered popcorn at Nuts on Clark in Water Tower Place (835 N. Michigan Ave.). A portion of the proceeds will benefit Network of Strength of Illinois.

To listen

Hear Rick Perlstein read from his book "Nixonland" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at 57th Street Books (1301 E. 57th St.) to benefit Literacy Works. \$10 suggested donation.

To win

Listen to the Kathy and Judy Show on WGN Radio between 9 a.m. and noon Wednesday and Thursday. If you hear New Kids on the Block, call 312-591-7000 for a chance to win a pair of skybox tickets to their concert Saturday.

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aye, aye caption

Text us a funny caption for the photo to the right and we'll print the best in Thursday's RedEye. To give it a shot, text the word "caption" followed by your brief caption and your name to **47383**. Good luck!



TUESDAY'S WINNER

"Let's see if I remember ... was it shake babies and kiss hands?"

—JORGE P.



59 46

TODAY'S FORECAST

Partly cloudy, kinda breezy



THU.
59 43

Hello, fall



FRI.
62 44

A little warmer



SAT.
66 50

Not bad



SUN.
69 52

Warmer, but cloudy



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A giant pancake peers in from the drive-up teller's window Tuesday at a US Bank in Dubuque, Iowa. The bank teamed up with a local IHOP to offer its customers breakfast in hopes of lifting their spirits. **AP PHOTO**

Money talk

Answers about your money during uncertain financial times

Chicago Tribune

Alarmed by setbacks, supporters of the imperiled multibillion-dollar economic rescue fought to bring it back to life Tuesday, courting reluctant lawmakers with sweeteners including a plan to reassure Americans their bank deposits are safe.

Wall Street, at least, regained hope. The Dow Jones industrials rose 485 points, one day after a record 778-point plunge following rejection in the U.S. House of the plan worked out by congressional leaders and the Bush administration.

The idea drawing the biggest support was to raise the federal deposit insurance limit, now \$100,000 per account, to \$250,000. Several officials, including presidential nominees John McCain and Barack Obama, endorsed the change.

Senate leaders have scheduled a vote for Wednesday on the plan rejected by the House.

In the meantime, The Tribune's Gail MarksJarvis tackles some of the most pressing questions that people have regarding the situation on Wall Street.

AP CONTRIBUTED.

Q: I have a money-market account at a bank. Is that insured or part of the temporary new money-market bailout?

A: There are two different types of investments that sound alike but are not. There are money-market accounts, which are like savings accounts at banks. But don't confuse this account with a money-market fund, which is a mutual fund. The government does not normally insure mutual funds. The only exception is money-market mutual funds.

Q: Is my money safe in a credit union?

A: Like banks, credit unions have insurance that covers investors if the institution fails. But the insurance varies. The safest comes from the National Credit Union Administration. It's just like the FDIC, with the U.S. government behind it, making sure your money is covered up to \$100,000 a person on an account.

Q: If the FDIC takes over a bank, will I be able to get to my safe-deposit box?

A: Yes. When the FDIC steps in, the goal is to hold on to customers while the FDIC sells the institution to another bank. Sometimes the FDIC will step into a failing bank on a Friday and close a bank over the weekend. But by Monday, the bank doors open and a customer can use the bank like always.

If I had \$700 billion ...

With Washington trying to finagle a \$700 billion rescue for the nation's financial system, the federal money sought by other projects is starting to look like chump change. Here's what you could do with \$700 billion:

- » Buy a war—the U.S. has spent \$648 billion on Iraq war operations so far.
- » Ensure universal health care coverage for six years.
- » Upgrade the country's most deficient bridges four times over.
- » Buy 70 Hubble-type space telescopes.
- » Buy seven international space stations.
- » Finance the National Institutes of Health, the nation's premier medical research institute, for two decades.
- » Pay the U.S. national intelligence budget for 15 years.
- » Pay the wages of 22 million average Americans for a year.
- » Cover one year's health-care bills for more than 85 million seniors, disabled people, children and low-income Americans enrolled in Medicare and Medicaid.
- » Pay off the \$550 billion in outstanding student loan debt in the U.S., and then some. **AP**

Drink up, ladies. Your night is all right

Associated Press

NEW YORK It's closing time for a lawsuit alleging ladies' nights at nightclubs discriminate against men.

Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum tossed the lawsuit out of federal court in Manhattan on Monday. She said nightclubs can price their products as they wish because they're not acting as representatives of the state.

The lawsuit was brought by attorney Roy Den Hollander, a crusader against feminism who sued a university over its women's studies program.

Hollander said ladies' nights at Manhattan nightclubs discriminate against men by offering women free or discounted admission and drinks. He tried to link the state to the discounts because it licenses the sale of alcohol at nightclubs.

He called the judge a feminist and said her dismissal of his lawsuit was consistent with the discrimination embedded in many of America's institutions.

Nightclub attorneys said Hollander's lawsuit was frivolous. It sought to represent men over the age of 21 who entered Lotus, the China Club and other New York nightclubs on a ladies' night since June 21, 2004.



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From the blog

What does a person do when a bus passes them at a bus stop [when it] has happened on more than one occasion? I was waiting for the No. 20-Madison eastbound and it passed me right up. There are other bus riders that the bus passes up. What is the problem with the bus driver? I contacted the supervisor and it was reported, but what disciplinary actions are taken against the bus driver?

—Posted by
Edison Carr at
redye.chicago.com/ctablog

Weighing in on CTA's merchandise mart

Looking for some mass transit mementos? You're in luck. This week, the transit agency opened the doors to a new online store at ctagifts.com, partnering with a New York-based company called Image Exchange to offer old faves and some brand-new public transit products. On Tuesday, "Going Public's" Kyra Kyles offered up opinions about which items are must-buys (messenger bag), and which (cough, CTA shower curtain, cough) don't deserve a second look.

Riders responded with their own takes on CTA sales items and sounded off on other train- and bus-related business.

Clinging to the curtain

Oh, you have broken my heart. The first thing I did when I moved to Chicago nearly three years ago was to buy a CTA shower curtain.

I love it. Not only does it keep the water in the shower, it was a great way for a newbie to become familiar with the CTA routes. Sure, it may not be good for a chick's bathroom, but it works perfectly fine for a dude's.

Heck, you should be happy I am using a shower curtain at all. Sorry, my dear, I am not ditching that curtain any time soon.

TONY TANGORA, 34, LAKEVIEW

Sickening stop

[On Sept. 23 at] about 10 a.m., I narrowly missed getting hit by a homeless man's stream of urine while walking along the platform at the Clark/Division Red Line stop. I swear that stop gets more and more disgusting every day, and half the time, it is closed for slow-zone repairs. I'm so thankful that I live close enough to work that I can walk most days.

LINDSAY HALPIN, 28, GOLD COAST

Not-so-'Grand' service

What is the freaking deal with the [No. 65-Grand] eastbounds lately? In the mornings, it's horrid. Is there some detour out west? I catch it at Grand/Milwaukee and every day it seems [that] around 9:15 a.m. you will wait for, like, 30 minutes to have three or four buses all show up at once going east. It's terrible.

NATE BEAL, 28, LINCOLN PARK

Know when to fold 'em

[There] used to be a time when you were required to fold your stroller up before getting on the bus. Now I guess the bus drivers are easily intimidated. Now they barely look you in the eye, let alone tell you the rules and regulations regarding seat etiquette.

Being rude and taking up three seats with a stroller and daring someone to say something to you is just purely ignorant on some—not all—mothers' parts, mainly the young ones. You know who you are.

STACEY BOYLAND, 37,
AUBURN-GRESHAM

CORRECTION AND CLARIFICATION

» In Monday's "Going Public," a business that is partnering with the CTA for ctagifts.com was misidentified. The business is called Image Exchange.

» In the Jerry Springer story Monday, an award given to "Jerry Springer—the Opera" was mischaracterized. In addition to winning London's Evening Standard Theatre Award, the musical won an Olivier award, the equivalent of a Tony.



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Midway's big deal

Group of investors to pay \$2.5 billion for right to run airport

From news services

Mayor Daley said Tuesday the city has accepted a bid to lease Midway to a private operator in a deal that will bring in \$1 billion for city coffers. But the tentative deal is not expected to solve Chicago's current budget woes.

"We believe this is a very good return, especially given the current stress in the credit markets," Daley said.

Daley said 90 percent of the proceeds must be used for infrastructure under state law. The city still is figuring out how to use the other 10 percent, but not all of it would be used to close the budget gap, he said.

The mayor plans to unveil his 2009 budget on Oct. 15, and aldermen have said the Daley administration is preparing them for a difficult budget with the city facing an estimated \$420 million shortfall.

Ald. Ed Smith (28th) said Monday that the Daley administration now expects revenues to continue to decline for at least the next two years, but officials have ruled out a tax increase.

The winning airport bidder is Midway



In a deal that would bring in \$1 billion for the city, Mayor Daley announced Tuesday that Chicago has accepted a bid to lease Midway to a private operator. **CHERYL A. GUERRERO/TRIBUNE**

Investment and Development Co., a group of investors from New York, Boston and Canada, which agreed to pay \$2.5 billion for the right to run Midway for 99 years.

The deal still must be approved by the City Council and the Federal Aviation Administration.

Midway would become the largest U.S. airport to be privatized. Chicago applied two years ago to

be part of a Federal Aviation Administration pilot program to privatize up to five U.S. airports.

The only other example is the 2001 lease of Stewart International Airport near New York City. The Indianapolis airport contracted out its management in 1995 and Riverside County, Calif., contracted out operations of its airports in 1997. Some smaller U.S. airports also are leased to private firms. **TRIBUNE, AP CONTRIBUTED.**

1,000 LAYOFFS

Mayor Daley confirmed Tuesday the city plans to lay off about 1,000 workers as part of his plan to cope with a major budget hole.

"We're in a dire situation," Daley said. "There's no other way."

The Tribune reported on its Web site Monday that Daley aides told union leaders there would be "at least 1,000 layoffs" to help deal with an estimated \$420 million budget shortfall.

"It's in that area," Daley said when asked Tuesday about the figure.

But Daley refused to rule out filling hundreds of police vacancies.

Oh, Beanie Baby!



Reclusive Beanie Baby magnate Ty Warner (left) might be known for things that are small, but he's

thinking big. Warner has signed a contract to buy the penthouse at the still unbuilt Spire. Now with the king of the Beanie Baby in town, we figured Chicago deserved its Beanie due with these suggestions: **REDEYE**



- » **R.Kelly Beanie:** Literally comes trapped in a Beanie closet
- » **Oprah Beanie:** EVERYONE in Chicago gets one free!
- » **Donald Trump Beanie:** Extra hair sold separately
- » **Michael Jordan Beanie:** Comes with Beanie basketball and dressed in underwear
- » **Roger Ebert Beanie:** With moveable thumbs!
- » **Jerry Springer Beanie:** Looks like a girl Beanie, but of course it's a boy
- » **Blagojevich Beanie:** Looks just like the Elvis Beanie—minus the blue suede shoes
- » **Bean Beanie:** Metallic silver and pays homage to Chicago's other famous Bean

Alcohol sales cutoff could grow

City emergency management chief Raymond Orozco, discussing a voluntary late-game moratorium on Wrigleyville alcohol sales during any "clincher" playoff game, said Tuesday that taverns neighboring the city's other pro sports stadiums could expect similar requests in similar circumstances.

A day earlier, some Wrigleyville bar owners reluctantly agreed to heed the city's call to cut off alcohol sales after the seventh inning of home games in which the Cubs could win a playoff series. Such sales would resume at game's end or if a game went into extra innings.

"We have 100 percent cooperation" from the bar owners, Orozco said at a news conference.

The Wrigleyville bars affected are on Clark Street and Sheffield Avenue, from Newport Avenue to Irving Park Road; and on Addison Street, from Wilton to Racine Avenue.

As of Tuesday's news conference, the city had not met with bar owners near U.S. Cellular Field because the White Sox had not reached the playoffs, Orozco said.

\$10,000 reward in rape

A community group in Austin is offering a \$10,000 reward for information that leads to an arrest in the vicious rape and beating of a 16-year-old girl earlier this month. The attack happened Sept. 16 in an alley in the 700 block of North Central Avenue, police said. The attacker was last seen wearing a dark blue or black hooded sweat shirt. Anyone with information should call 312-746-8282.

Teen charged in shooting

A Chicago teenager has been charged with shooting a woman in the leg in a robbery attempt and then removing a cigarette from her hand before fleeing, police said Tuesday. Darryl Harris, 19, of the 8100 block of South Calumet Avenue was carrying a 9 mm handgun Monday when he approached a 43-year-old woman in the 800 block of East 87th Street and demanded money, police said.

Man gets 35 years in mall plot

A 24-year-old who admired Osama bin Laden was sentenced to 35 years in prison Tuesday for plotting to use hand grenades to attack a Rockford mall jammed with Christmas shoppers as part of what he saw as Islamic jihad. "I am not an extremist," said Derrick Shareef of Rockford, whose 24th birthday was Tuesday. The judge said he hoped Shareef had changed but that a long sentence still was warranted to discourage others who might plan similar attacks.

Man run over by truck

A 53-year-old man was killed Tuesday when he was run over by a truck backing into a loading dock at a produce market on the Southwest Side. Didier Alzate was standing behind a truck making a delivery to the Chicago International Produce Market, 2404 S. Wolcott Ave., about 5:40 a.m. when he was hit, police said. The driver of the truck was cited, police said.

Bail denied in cop killing

The man charged with killing a Chicago police officer, Lamar Cooper, 37, was denied bail Tuesday. Officer Nathaniel Taylor Jr. died Sunday after he and his partner were preparing to serve an arrest warrant on the South Side.



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Mock election

Curie Metropolitan High School student Katherine Lopez, 16, (far left) posts her ballot in Chicago Public Schools' "mock" presidential election. The Chicago Board of Elections will distribute more than 100,000 "official mock ballots" to 125 schools.



Deborah Francis (center), wife of slain Officer Richard Francis, is escorted by Officer Michael Ostrowski, along with daughters Bianca Kmic (left) and Amanda Kmic (right). MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE

Cop's star retired

The star of a Chicago police officer who was shot and killed in the line of duty while struggling with a woman on the city's North Side in July was retired during a ceremony Tuesday.

The star of Richard Francis, 60, was enshrined at Chicago Police Department headquarters, 3510 S. Michigan Ave., just a few days after another officer, Nathaniel Taylor Jr., was shot and killed while on duty.

"Officer Francis gave his life serving and protecting the life of our city," Mayor Daley said. "Whenever a police officer dies in the line of duty, we all share the pain."

There was a long line of public officials in the lobby, including three former police superintendents, along with Daley, and a few aldermen, including Ald. Issac Carothers, head of the City

Council's Police and Fire Committee.

Francis' wife and two daughters also attended the ceremony for the 27-year veteran, whose star was the 462nd to be enshrined on the wall.

The remembrance had a particularly somber tone, in light of another officer's recent death on Sunday.

"Another good cop has been abruptly taken from us," noted Police Supt. Jody Weis during his statements. "Both have made the ultimate sacrifice, and both will be remembered as outstanding police officers."

Francis, a 27-year veteran of the force, was on a seemingly routine assignment, patrolling alone in July, when he was shot and killed in a struggle with a woman who had caused a disturbance with a CTA bus passenger.

West Side college student killed in crash

A promising West Side college student was killed in southern Illinois along with her friend when a driver for the VH1 reality show "Rock of Love with Bret Michaels" apparently fell asleep, his vehicle crossed a median and slammed into the students' SUV.

Kevetta Davis, 19, a 2007 Walter Payton High School graduate, was a vibrant Southern Illinois University sophomore planning to become a pharmacist, her aunt said.

"It was like she was the light of the family," said her aunt, Jacqueline Robinson. "She was extremely smart and ... whenever she walked into a room, she just lit it up."

Also killed in the Friday crash was Yasmin Jackson, 19, of Belleville, state police said. Jackson, a fellow SIU student, and Davis, known

as "Cali," performed together on an SIU dance team, Robinson said.

Dennis Hernandez, 38, a crew member from California, was driving to the reality TV series' next stop when his vehicle crossed over into the northbound lanes of Interstate 57. It struck a pickup truck—seriously injuring two Florida residents inside—and then smashed into Jackson's SUV, state police said.

Both women died at the scene, state police said. Hernandez was cited for driving with a suspended license and other offenses.

Michaels, lead singer of Poison, asked that "his participation in the series be temporarily suspended in deepest sympathy as he attempts to reach out" to the victims' families, said a VH1 statement.

Register to vote

The deadline to register for the 2008 elections is coming. But if you miss it, you can register for another two weeks under a new law that allows "grace-period" registration and voting. There's a catch, though: You have to vote absentee or at the county clerk's office, and your ballot is considered provisional.

What you need to know

- » Midnight Oct. 7 is the deadline.
- » You must have lived in Illinois for at least 30 days.
- » You can register as long as you turn 18 on or before Nov. 4.
- » College students can register in their parent's home state or where they attend school.

Where to register

- » County clerk's office
- » Board of elections commissioner's office
- » City, village or township offices
- » Public libraries
- » Military recruitment offices
- » Driver's license facilities
- » Department of Health care and Family Services
- » Department of Employment Security

What you'll need

- » **In person:** Two forms of ID, with one showing your current address.
- » **By mail:** Submit your driver's license number or state ID number, or:
- » The last 4 digits of your Social Security number
- » A copy of a current and valid photo ID
- » A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government document that shows your name and address

Grace period

- » People who miss the deadline can still register at their county clerk's office, in person, through Oct. 21.



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Cards

1 On a break

The Capitol was largely deserted Tuesday as Congress marked the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah. There are currently 13 Jewish lawmakers in the 100-member Senate and 29 Jews in the 435-member House.

2 Not those bills!

Thousands of dollar bills stolen from a restaurant in Inyokern, Calif., could not have been more clearly marked: The Homestead had a tradition of customers writing messages on the currency and hanging it on the walls. Authorities allege that didn't stop Donald DeJarnette from using some of the cash last week to pay for a court fine.

3 Super mayor?

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg wants to overturn the city's term-limits law and run for another four years in office next year.

4 Police investigation

Federal officials will investigate the New Orleans police officers involved in fatal shootings that happened on a city bridge after Hurricane Katrina, authorities said Tuesday.

5 Here's your mail

Investigators say they've recovered more than 9,000 pieces of mail from a storage unit in Fowlerville, Mich. Authorities allege that Jill Hull admitted storing the mail because she couldn't deliver it on time. Some mail has postmarks from 2005.

6 On our own?

East L.A.—birthplace of the lowrider, Los Lobos and Oscar de la Hoya—is to Mexican-Americans what Harlem is to the black community. Now it wants to become its own city.

7 Airport auctions

Congressional investigators say U.S. aviation officials have no legal authority to auction off takeoff and landing slots at airports, a scheme the government devised to try to cut crippling traffic jams at major airports.

**Fire in the sky**

9 FT. HUNTER LIGGETT, Calif. A wildfire in the Los Padres National Forest has nearly doubled in size and prompted the evacuation of a few homes in the remote region. The U.S. Forest Service says more than 830 firefighters are battling the blaze that broke out Saturday night about 150 miles south of San Francisco. **AP PHOTO**

**DEADLY VOTING?**

Could voting for president be hazardous to your health? An analysis of Election Day traffic deaths dating back to Jimmy Carter's 1976 win suggests yes, but the authors say that's no reason not to go to the polls. The study's Canadian researchers say rushing to get to polling places before or after work, driving on unfamiliar routes and being distracted by thinking about the candidates were among possible reasons for an increase in traffic deaths on Election Day. Here are the results of the study.

24 Number of additional people on average who died in car crashes during voting hours on presidential election days than on other October and November Tuesdays

158 Number of people on average who died on Election Day

18% Increased risk of traffic deaths on Election Day

800: Number of additional people who suffered disabling injuries on Election Day compared with non-election days

'666' road sign thefts bedeviling N.J. roadways

8 BARNEGAT, N.J. Someone keeps stealing the metal signs at mile marker 66.6 along two of New Jersey's most traveled roads, and authorities are having a devil of a time keeping up with the thefts.

Joe Orlando, a spokesman for the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, said officials have no idea who is taking the signs. "Maybe it's just some kids with a devil-may-care attitude," Orlando said.

It's been happening all over the country, particularly on roads with names like Route 666. Officials aren't sure if the thefts are being committed by religious zealots upset about the number's association in the Bible with the devil, by Satanic scavenger hunters, or by college students who think a "666" sign would look cool in their dorm room.

The latest theft involved someone swiping

the 66.6 mile marker sign on the Garden State Parkway's northbound lanes. It's in a sparsely populated section, far from any entrances or exits. In short, you'd have to know the sign was there and go looking for it.

But look for it—and take it—they do. Within the past two years, 66.6 mile marker signs have been stolen at least four or five times from the Turnpike and New Jersey Parkway, Orlando said.

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Scores of suspected mobsters arrested

1 **ROME** Italian police made sweeping arrests against the mob Tuesday, targeting a powerful clan as well as three suspects linked to a recent gangland-style slaying of six African immigrants near Naples, authorities said.

In a series of raids in Naples and surrounding areas, where the Camorra crime syndicate is based, police also seized assets worth \$143.5 million and weapons, including two AK-47s believed to have been used Sept. 18 against the Africans,

police and government officials said.

Interior Minister Roberto Maroni hailed the operation as a serious blow to the Camorra organization.

"We have waged war on the Camorra," Maroni said. "We want to exert pressure like never before and keep this pressure up until the war is won."

The three men—all on Italy's 100 top most wanted list—were arrested in small villas on the coast near Naples, said

Gianfrancesco Siazzu, the top commander of the Carabinieri police that ran the operation.

Police searching the hideouts also found pistols, Carabinieri outfits and other disguises, Siazzu said.

In a separate operation involving more than 1,000 officers, police arrested 26 suspects believed to be part of a powerful Camorra clan. Five suspects remained at large, said police in Caserta, a town near Naples that is home to the clan.



Coming through!

2 Here's something you don't see every day. Miniature robots riding past humans at an electronics trade show Tuesday in Japan. Shown are Murata-Seiko-chan the unicycle robot and Murata Seisaku-kun, the bicyclist robot. **AP PHOTO**

Not Nobel enough

3 Bad news for American writers hoping for a Nobel Prize next week: The top member of the award jury thinks the U.S. is too insular and ignorant to compete with Europe when it comes to great writing. Counters the head of the U.S. National Book Foundation: "Put him in touch with me, and I'll send him a reading list."

North Korea was preparing for a rare trip Wednesday to the isolated communist nation to try to resolve the sticking point that has derailed a disarmament pact.

India stampede

5 At least 80 people were killed and more than 150 injured when thousands of pilgrims stampeded Tuesday at a Hindu temple in the historic town of Jodhpur in western India, police said.

Copy cat?

4 Canada's main opposition party on Tuesday accused the prime minister of plagiarizing a speech that urged the country to join the U.S.-led war in Iraq.

France clashes

6 A French police officer was shot and wounded during clashes with youths that broke out after a teenager died while fleeing police, authorities in Romans-sur-Isere said Tuesday.

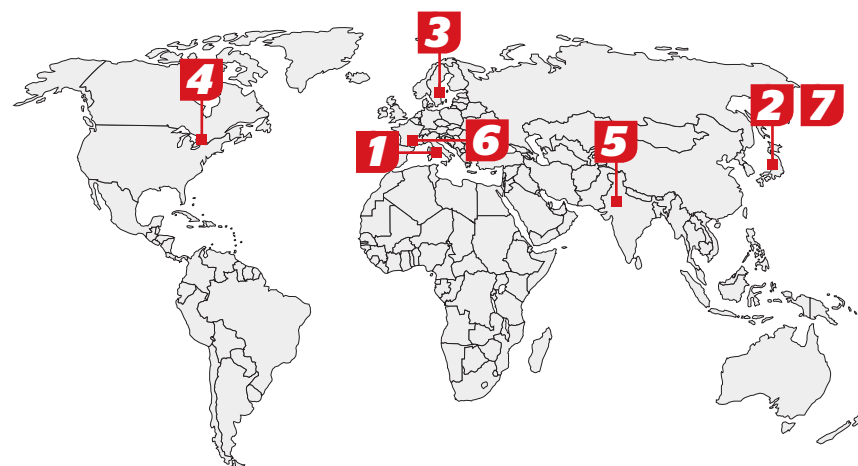
Nuclear impasse?

The chief U.S. nuclear negotiator with

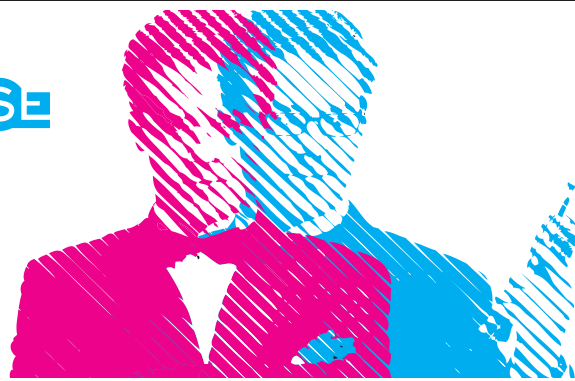
Dieting dolphins



7 Listen, Flipper, about that piece of fish we promised you? Not gonna happen. All 19 dolphins at Kinosaki Marine World in western Japan are going on a low-fat diet after developing pot bellies and failing to look sharp in their aquatic performances.



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3 Number of ex-Cubs
on L.A.'s roster: Greg
Maddux, Nomar Garciaparra
and Juan Pierre

Big ?'s

1 How will Chicago handle the sizzling Manny Ramirez?

The 12-time All-Star and 2004 World Series MVP went 8-for-13 with five RBI in his first three games with the Dodgers. He became a team leader almost immediately, adding life to a previously drab clubhouse, and he's hustled all the way. All seven meetings between the teams came before Ramirez and Casey Blake joined the Dodgers.

2 Play Fukudome or bench him?

Kosuke Fukudome, who started for the NL All-Star team in center field, has lost a lot of playing time because of a second-half slump. Cubs manager Lou Piniella likes Fukudome's fielding but has grown impatient with his troubles at the plate and has often used Mark DeRosa in right and moved Mike Fontenot to second.

3 Will Big Z be emotionally stable for the playoffs?

Emotional makeup is sometimes an issue for Carlos Zambrano. Glaring at umpires and tossing water coolers have been part of his act when things don't go his way. When Piniella went to take him out after his poor performance against St. Louis in the outing after the no-hitter, Zambrano started to leave the mound before the manager arrived. Piniella made him go back and hand him the ball.

4 Will the Cubs' clutch hitters repeat the '07 disaster?

Against the Diamondbacks in last season's opening round sweep, two of Chicago's best run producers went flat. Aramis Ramirez finished the series 0-for-12 and Alfonso Soriano was 2-for-14 as the Cubs went 2-for-23 with runners in scoring position. AP

Glory days

2008 Cubs look to pick up where the 2003 team left off

By Tracy Swartz

REDEYE

Doug Glanville will be rooting for the Cubs at Wrigley Field on Wednesday—just like he did five years ago, except this time his cheers will come from the stands.

Glanville played outfield for the 2003 Cubs team that made it to the National League Championship series before losing Game 7 to the Florida Marlins.

This time around, Glanville said he thinks the Cubs are going to do “very well” in the playoffs because the team has a young energy, pitching depth and last year's experience in postseason play.

“Maybe that experience can be a tremendous advantage,” said Glanville, 38, who now lives in Bucktown, runs a home-building business in the suburbs and writes a guest baseball column for The New York Times. “This team to me seems like they're really well-rounded.”

The 2003 team experienced a few player moves toward the end of their season that forced veterans to “put their ego in their back pocket,” Glanville told RedEye. Five years ago, the Cubs “came out of nowhere” and exploded into the postseason for the first time in many years, so expectations probably weren't very high, Glanville said.

This year, though, Cubs fans are likely aiming higher after they got a taste of the playoffs last year, Glanville said.

He lauded the support of Cubs fans, who, he said, have a “positive energy.” Wrigley Field also is the “best place to play.”

At Wrigley on Wednesday, he'll be cheering on his former team, especially ex-teammate Kerry Wood, who still sends Glanville Christmas cards. He's just hoping for a better outcome than five years ago—even if he has to experience it off the field.

“I'm rooting for them to get a world championship. We were so close in '03 and it was really hard to let that go,” Glanville said.

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Game 3, Sat.: CUBS (Harden 5-1) at L.A. (Kuroda 9-10), 9:07 p.m.

Game 4, Sun.: CUBS at Los Angeles, TBA*

Game 5, Tue.: L.A. at CUBS, TBA*

Back to the future

RedEye takes a look at the 2003 Cubs playoff roster and where the players are now.

PITCHERS

Antonio Alfonseca: Last with Phillies in 2007

Joe Borowski: Released by Indians in July

Matt Clement: Released by Cardinals in August after shoulder surgery

Juan Cruz: Diamondbacks pitcher

Kyle Farnsworth: Tigers pitcher

Mark Guthrie: Released from Rays in March 2005

Mark Prior: Padres pitcher

Mike Remlinger: Waived by Braves

Dave Veres: Non-roster invite by Rockies. The York Revolutions placed Veres on the inactive list in August 2008.

Kerry Wood: Cubs pitcher

Carlos Zambrano: Cubs pitcher

CATCHERS

Paul Bako: Reds catcher

Damian Miller: Last with Brewers in 2007

INFIELDERS

Alex Gonzalez: Released by Royals in March 2007

Mark Grudzielanek: Royals second base



Eric Karros: Released from the Athletics in July 2004. Baseball analyst in CBS affiliate in L.A.

Ramon Martinez: Mets second base

Aramis Ramirez: Cubs third base

Randall Simon: Released by the Phillies in March 2007. First baseman for the Newark Bears.

OUTFIELDERS

Moises Alou: Mets left field

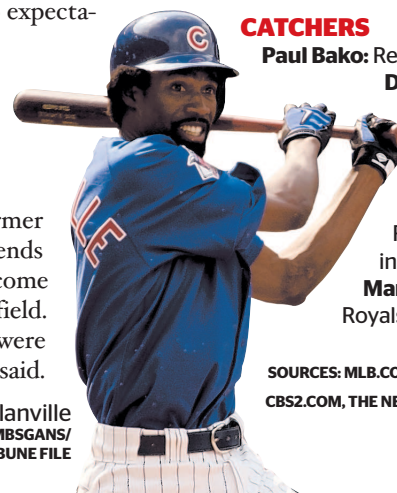
Doug Glanville: Released by Yankees in March 2005. Guest columnist for The New York Times.

Tom Goodwin: Released by Rays in March 2005. Coach of the Lowell Spinners. Class A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox.

Kenny Lofton: Played with Rangers in 2007

Troy O'Leary: Last with Cubs in 2003

Sammy Sosa: Announced retirement in May. He has said his goal is to play with the Dominican Republic in next year's World Baseball Classic.



Glanville
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TICKET TICKER

Pay it up

If you want to go to a Cubs-Dodgers playoff game, it'll cost you. Here's what tickets are going for on stubhub.com as of 3:45 p.m. Tuesday.

GAME 1 AT WRIGLEY FIELD

HIGH

\$4,000

For a pair of infield club Box 10 seats, fifth row

MEDIAN

\$275

For a mix of bleachers, upper deck and terrace reserved seats

LOW

\$94

For standing-room only seats

GAME 3 AT DODGER STADIUM IN L.A.

HIGH

\$5,000

For a pair of dugout Club 1 tickets, row FF

MEDIAN

\$177

For a mix of field box, infield reserve, all-you-can-eat pavilion, club level and loge box seats

LOW

\$76.25

For lower Reserve 59 tickets

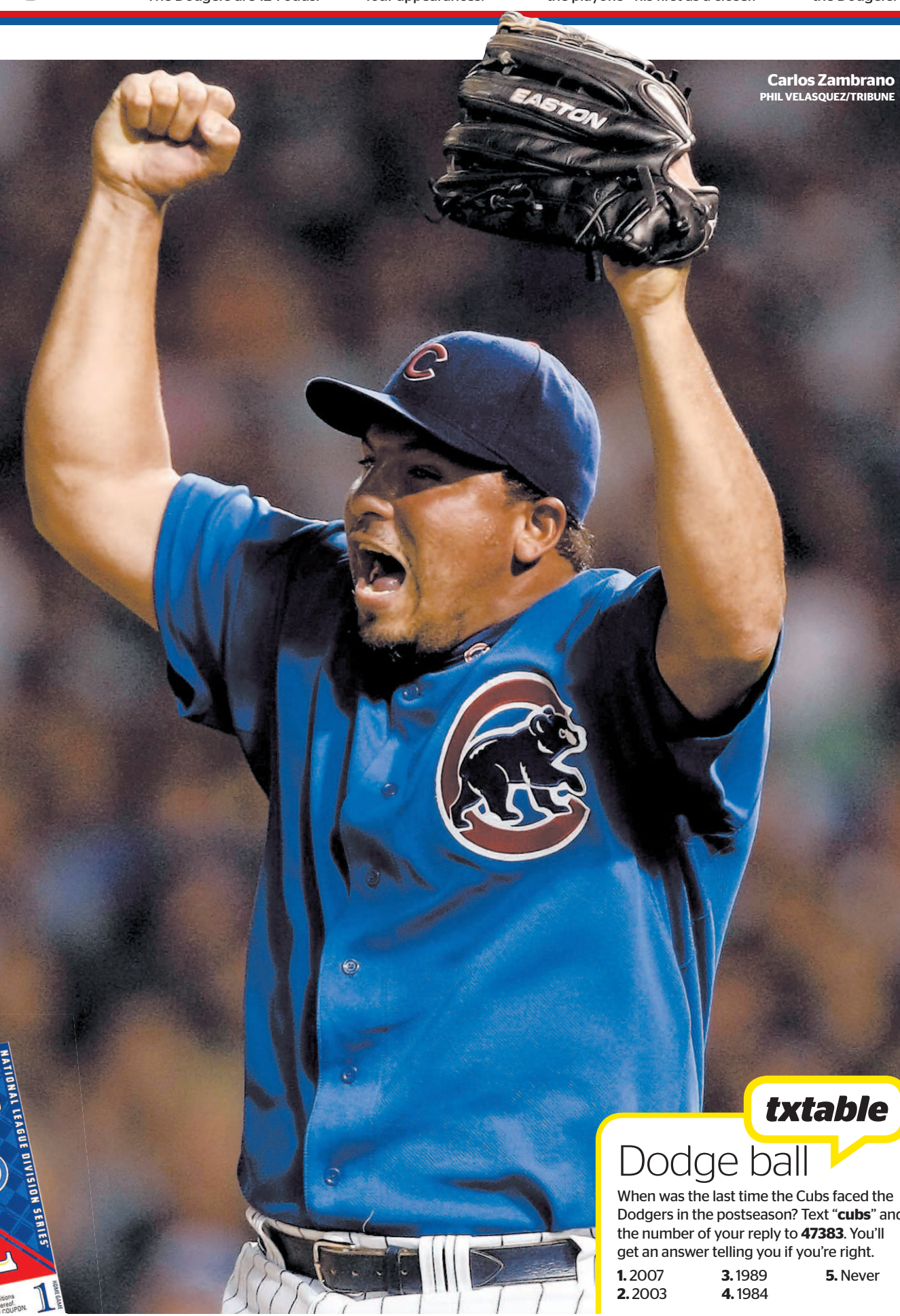
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3-1 Las Vegas Hilton race and sports book odds of the Cubs winning the World Series. The Dodgers are 12-1 odds.

1 Number of playoff games won by the Dodgers in their past four appearances.

4 Numbers of times Wood, who has been with the Cubs longer than any current player, has been in the playoffs—his first as a closer.

0 Cubs pitcher Rich Harden has never faced the Dodgers.



Carlos Zambrano
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DODGERS VS. CUBS

Who has the edge?

HITTING

DODGERS LINEUP*

CF Matt Kemp (.290, 18 HR, 76 RBI, 35 SB)

+ C Russell Martin (.280, 13, 69, 18 SB)

+ LF Manny Ramirez (.396, 17, 53 since July 31 trade)

RF Andre Ethier (.305, 20, 77)

+ 1B James Loney (.289, 13, 90)

3B Casey Blake (.251, 10, 23 since July 26 trade)

2B Blake DeWitt (.264, 9, 52)

SS Angel Berroa (.230, 1, 16)

CUBS LINEUP

+ LF Alfonso Soriano (.280, 29, 79, 19 SB)

SS Ryan Theriot (.307, 1, 38, 22 SB)

1B Derrek Lee (.291, 20, 90)

+ 3B Aramis Ramirez (.289, 27, 111)

CF Jim Edmonds (.256, 19, 49 since May 9)

+ C Geovany Soto (.285, 23, 86)

+ 2B Mark DeRosa (.285, 21, 87)

+ RF Kosuke Fukudome (.257, 10, 58, 12 SB).

Pitcher

Pitcher

*L.A.'s SS Rafael Furcal, out most of the season because of back problems, could start. He'd hit leadoff in a rearranged batting order.

OUTLOOK: Ramirez is a great addition, but not enough. Defensively, everything about the Cubs is better than the Dodgers.

EDGE: Cubs, totally.



Ramirez
AP

PITCHING

DODGERS ROTATION

RH Derek Lowe (14-11, 3.24 ERA)

+ RH Chad Billingsley (16-10, 3.14, 201 K)

RH Hiroki Kuroda (9-10, 3.73)

+ RH Greg Maddux (8-13, 4.22 overall; 2-4, 5.09 after trade)

CUBS ROTATION

+ RH Ryan Dempster (17-6, 2.96 ERA)

RH Carlos Zambrano (14-6, 3.91)

+ RH Rich Harden (5-1, 1.77, 89 K in 12 starts after trade)

LH Ted Lilly (17-9, 4.09)

DODGERS CLOSER

RH Jonathan Broxton (3-5, 3.13 ERA, 14/16 saves)

CUBS CLOSER

RH Kerry Wood (5-4, 3.26 ERA, 34/40 saves)

OUTLOOK: The Cubs' depth and bullpen are overpowering.

EDGE: Da Cubs. REDEYE, COX

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Dodge ball

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A series of fortunate events

There's a lot of skill involved in winning enough games to reach the World Series, but there's also a lot of luck that goes into it too. Predicting the outcomes of those playoff matchups is no different—minus the skill, of course. Exhibit A: My look at the 2008 baseball playoffs.



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DIVISION SERIES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

L.A. Angels vs. Boston Red Sox

The Angels won the season series 8-1, but don't let that fool ya. The Angels' recent history of flopping in the playoffs is matched only by the Cubs'.

Tampa Bay Rays vs. White Sox

The Rays were the surprise of the season, and not just because the team dropped the "Devil" from its name. And they will keep the surprises coming by getting swept by the White Sox.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cubs vs. L.A. Dodgers

Curses! No, not for the Cubs. I accidentally stepped on my ear. When the first pitcher the Cubs face has a 14-11 record, you know it's the Cubs' year.

Philadelphia Phillies vs. Milwaukee Brewers

The Brewers' CC Sabathia is a workhorse, and he is in position to pitch twice in this five-game series. That'll be one more than needed as the Brewers run away with this one.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

White Sox vs. Red Sox

The White Sox battled too hard to make the playoffs to give up this soon. The Red Sox, minus Manny Ramirez, simply will be overmatched.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cubs vs. Brewers

Well, well, well. Look what we have here. These NL Central rivals know each other well, but not as well as I know them. The Cubs cruise to the World Series. Well, what did you expect? (I think I went to the well once too often.)



WORLD SERIES

Cubs vs. White Sox

Maybe I'm being a bit of a homer, but I think it'll be a Red Line Series. Luck seems to be on the Cubs' side this year. I can't believe I just said that. And oh, by the way, braggin' rights ... only forever!



Cubs fan Grace Nicholas, 4, and her father, Damon, join the masses gathered on Tuesday at Daley Plaza for the Cubs rally. **NANCY STONE/TRIBUNE**

Rally time!

Jazzed Cubs fans dismiss jinxes this year

Associated Press

The curses are lined up like Cubs fans in the beer line at Wrigley Field.

There's the billy goat that surfaced in 1945, the black cat that struck in 1969, the fan named Bartman who reached out and changed history in 2003. And now there's the all-purpose curse that dooms teams and athletes on the cover of Sports Illustrated.

But on Tuesday, Cubs fans were in a place they wouldn't let themselves go before last year's first-round playoff collapse: A land where the words "Cubs" and "World Series champions" finally collide, after a drought that has lasted a century.

"This year feels different, since the beginning it's felt different," said Al Yellon, sounding every bit like what he is, the editor in chief of a Web site called **bleedcubbyblue.com**.

From three-run comebacks in the bottom of the ninth to the day Carlos Zambrano became the first Cub to pitch a no-hitter since Milt Pappas 36 years ago, "This team has done things that Cubs teams have not done in my lifetime," Yellon said.

"The goat's long dead," said Petrona Foster, a Jamaican immigrant who is a die-hard Cubs fan because her first baseball game in 1970 was at Wrigley Field. On Tuesday, Foster joined hundreds of Cubs fans willing to chance a jinx by declaring their faith out loud.

Cubs lovers in blue gathered Tuesday at a rally in Daley Plaza, where they waved homemade signs and sang tributes to the team while the wind whipped confetti. But no one's celebrating prematurely. Near Wrigley Field on Tuesday, police officers provided most of the activity as they planned their response to Cubs fans.

Fans closeted themselves in souvenir shops where they snatched up division title-themed T-shirts and Cubs dog dishes, door mats and baby jerseys. Store owners said they turned away dozens of people who came in search of the sold-out division title caps Cubs players wore the night they clinched.

CUBS HITS

The Cubs picked up the option on Lou Piniella's contract for 2010 on Tuesday. The 65-year-old Piniella, who guided the Cubs to a league-best 97-64 record, signed a three-year, \$10 million deal with a club option after the Cubs went 66-96 in 2006 under Dusty Baker. The Cubs have gone 182-141 in two seasons under Piniella, winning consecutive division titles for the first time since 1906-08, which ended with the Cubs' last World Series title. **AP**

» More tickets were bought for Cubs playoff games than for any other team, said online broker FirstDIBZ, with the right to buy Cubs World Series tickets going for as much as \$12,000.

PLAYOFF EDITION

Getting to Wrigley

Scoring parking near Wrigley Field is almost as difficult and expensive as getting tickets to the Cubs playoff opener Wednesday:

By CTA

RED LINE Will feature more frequent service; trains stop at Addison Street, just steps from the ballpark. Fans can transfer from many east-west bus routes. **DIRECT BUSES** Routes Nos. 8-Halsted, 22-Clark, 152-Addison, 154-Wrigley Field Express. **PURPLE LINE** Southbound trains stop at Sheridan on both Wednesday and Thursday nights.

By car

DEVRY UNIVERSITY LOTS No. 154 buses offer service to Wrigley from parking lots at DeVry on Rockwell Street. A \$6 fee includes parking at DeVry and round-trip bus rides for a carload of people. **FAR NORTH LOTS** The Yellow Line will operate until midnight Wednesday and until 1:30 a.m. Thursday. The fee is \$2 to park at the Skokie Swift lot on Dempster Street in Skokie, the Purple Line lot at Linden Avenue in Wilmette and the Howard Red Line lot on the Far North Side.

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OVERHEARD ON TWITTER

» "I plan on watching the Cubs from the comfort of my dorm room in Milwaukee. Also plan on nailing Brewers fans with water guns during their playoff games. Consider me a Milwaukee inside man."

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Hey, Twitter nation! If you're a Cubs fan or Sox fan, or just a regular Chicagoan caught up in the playoff atmosphere, we want to know where you are and what you're doing during Game 1 between the Dodgers and Cubs at Wrigley Field on Wednesday. Snap a picture on your camera phone at 6:30 p.m. with some comments about who you are and what you're doing and send it to **redeyesports@tribune.com**.

A photograph of the iconic red sign for Wrigley Field, home of the Chicago Cubs. The sign features the team's name in white block letters on a red background, with a black section below displaying 'Let's go Cubs!' in yellow. The sign is mounted on the exterior of the stadium, which has a green metal framework visible above and around it.

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PARTY LIKE IT'S 1906

SOX CELL-U-BRATION DOUBLES THE PLAYOFF FOR CHICAGO

Associated Press

Thanks to Jim Thome's bat and Ken Griffey Jr.'s arm, the AL Central has a winner at last: the White Sox.

John Danks pitched eight innings of two-hit ball on short rest, Thome homered and Griffey threw out a runner at the plate with a tough tag by A.J. Pierzynski, helping Chicago beat the Minnesota Twins 1-0 in a 163rd-game tie-breaker for the division title Tuesday night.

"We bounce back every time we are against the wall."

OZZIE GUILLEN
on the Sox's ability to battle back to win the division after squandering a season-long lead

Next up for the South Siders: a first-round matchup with the surprising Rays. Game 1 is Thursday at Tampa Bay, which won the AL East.

"Look at this," Thome said as the crowd roared all around him. "This is what it's all about—October baseball."

The White Sox got a huge boost Tuesday from two of their oldest players: Thome and Griffey, both longing for their first World Series championship.

Thome's long drive on a 2-2 pitch from rookie Nick Blackburn cleared two rows of shrubs in center field, traveling an estimated 461 feet to snap a scoreless tie in the seventh. It was the 541st homer for Thome, who raised his right fist as he rounded first base. He hadn't been to

The White Sox joined the crosstown Cubs in the postseason, the first time since 1906 that both Chicago teams are in. And just like the Cubs did when they clinched the NL Central crown, several White Sox players came back on the field after the final out and sprayed fans with champagne.



Sox catcher A.J. Pierzynski (left) tags out Minnesota's Michael Cuddyer at home in the fifth inning Tuesday night. **AP**

the playoffs since 2001 with Cleveland.

Griffey, who came to the White Sox in a trade with the Reds so he could have a chance at playing in the postseason, cut down Michael Cuddyer with a nice throw in the fifth. Griffey will be making his first postseason appearance since 1997 with Seattle.

Bobby Jenks worked a perfect ninth for his 30th save in 34 chances. Center fielder Brian Anderson ended it with a diving catch of Alexi Casilla's bloop.

"That's a battle between friends," Chicago manager Ozzie Guillen said, referring to the rival Twins. "We just got the last laugh."

SOX HITS

» The 1906 White Sox, known as "The Hitless Wonders," beat the Cubs in the World Series.
» The White Sox are the first team in major-league history to win their final three games against three

different opponents, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.
» When Michael Cuddyer took off for the plate in the fifth inning, he crashed into A.J. Pierzynski, who held onto the low, two-hop throw

from Ken Griffey Jr. while tagging Cuddyer for the out. Pierzynski then popped up and showed the ball as the crowd of 40,354—mostly dressed in black—roared. It was the largest crowd for a White Sox

regular-season game since Aug. 4, 2003.
» The White Sox hosted the game because they won a coin flip earlier this month.

Playoff schedule

AL DIVISION SERIES



TAMPA BAY VS. WHITE SOX
all games on TBS

Game 1, Thu. SOX (Vazquez 12-16 or Buehrle 15-12) at Tampa Bay (Shields 14-8), 1:37 p.m.

Game 2, Fri. SOX at Tampa Bay, (Kazmir 12-8), 5:07 p.m.

Game 3, Sun. Tampa Bay (Garza 11-9) at SOX, TBA

Game 4, Mon. Tampa Bay (Sonnanstine 13-9) at WHITE SOX, TBA*

Game 5, Oct. 8 SOX at Tampa Bay, TBA*



L.A. ANGELS VS. BOSTON
all games on TBS

Game 1, Wed. Boston (Lester 16-6) at L.A. (Lackey 12-5), 9:07 p.m.

Game 2, Fri. Boston (Matsuzaka 18-3) at L.A. (Santana 16-7), 8:37 p.m.

Game 3, Sun. L.A. (Saunders 17-7) at Boston (Beckett 12-10), TBA

Game 4, Mon. L.A. at Boston, TBA*

Game 5, Oct. 8 Boston at L.A., TBA*

NL DIVISION SERIES



PHILADELPHIA VS. MILWAUKEE
all games on TBS

Game 1, Wed. Milwaukee (Gallardo 0-0) at Philadelphia (Hamels 14-10), 2:07 p.m.

Game 2, Thu. Milwaukee at Philadelphia (Myers 10-13), 5:07 p.m.

Game 3, Sat. Philadelphia (Moyer 16-7) at Milwaukee, 5:37 p.m.

Game 4, Sun. Philadelphia at Milwaukee, TBA*

Game 5, Tue Milwaukee at Philadelphia, TBA*

» CUBS FIRST-ROUND SCHEDULE **page 14**



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Please include your name and phone number for verification. We'll publish some of the best responses! (And stay tuned, you'll have a chance to do this again for future Cubs and Sox playoff games.)

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1 How can you tell a playoff game from a regular-season game?	Cubs fans are still talking on cell phones, but about the game.	More beards than usual. Especially in certain parts of the North Side.	The drop in temperature.	After playoff games, Cubs fans sing, "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot."	At Wrigley, the Trixies dig deep and stay in their seats all the way through the sixth.
2 What is the average Dodger fan like?	Just like Cubs bleacher bums, only their farmer's tans are sprayed on.	Sorry, I don't like ranch dressing.	Comes in late, leaves early.	Loves baseball but still prefers watching "Two and a Half Men."	Mid-30s, high household income, 28.6 percent silicon ...
3 What is the average Tampa Bay fan like?	Tracy's from nearby Sarasota. So kind of like her, but with shoes.	No idea. I avoid karaoke night at Mugs 'N Jugs.	Someone who can find his keys but also can't locate his dentures.	Parents were first cousins.	I'll check the trailer park and get back to you.
4 True or false: The Cubs will win the World Series. Explain.	Tralse. Call me crazy but I'd rather not be beaten with reeds when I go near Wrigley.	I prefer multiple choice, just like A-Rod.	Both, I'm riding the fence. If the Sox are in then the Cubs don't win.	True. I'm clinically insane.	True: They win the NL. That Top 3 in the rotation is too talented to fail. (Last words.)
5 Tell us something unique about this season's playoffs.	If one team struggles at another's stadium, TBS works in a "House of Payne" teaser.	More people have fallen off the bandwagon this year. Thx, unstimulated economy!	Cubs, Tampa Bay in and both New York teams out. Now that's unique.	The Yankees, bless their overpaid little hearts, are watching from home.	The loser of every sausage race in Milwaukee will be fed to Michael Moore.



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HOMETOWN HITS
Del Negro
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The Vinny Del Negro era got under way Tuesday at the Berto Center with the first day of training camp, and it was all good for the Bulls. Several players talked about Del Negro's communication and organization as benchmarks from his first official practices as an NBA coach. Del Negro is using the morning sessions to review concepts and terminology with drills and also work on conditioning. The evening session is more for scrimmaging and contact.


Khabibulin
 TRIBUNE FILE

WILD 3, BLACKHAWKS 2 OT

Stephane Veilleux scored his second goal of the game with 23.9 seconds remaining in overtime to give Minnesota a 3-2 preseason victory over the Blackhawks on Tuesday night. Patrick Kane had a goal and an assist, and Brent Seabrook added a power-play goal for Chicago (3-2-0), which was playing its third game in as many days. » Goaltender Nikolai Khabibulin cleared waivers Tuesday and is still a member of the Blackhawks. The 24-hour deadline came and went without any takers for the veteran and the remaining \$6.75 million on his contract. "That was an option and we explored it," General Manager Dale Tallon said Tuesday. "We're looking at other options."



Bears running back Kevin Jones (#27) celebrates his play during the second quarter of Sunday's game. JIM PRISCHING/TRIBUNE

Jones can earn payback

A phone call or two would have sufficed. That's all Kevin Jones wanted.

He wasn't expecting flowers as he rested his surgically repaired right knee at his suburban Detroit home earlier this year.

All Jones wanted was to hear from a couple of his Lions teammates—maybe a prayer from quarterback Jon Kitna or some teasing from outspoken receiver Roy Williams. Jones waited, but those calls never came.

"I'm the type of guy where if you get hurt and you're playing a significant role

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BEARS HITS

Cedric Benson, whom the Bears released after two alcohol-related arrests over the summer, signed Tuesday with the Cincinnati Bengals. Benson, the fourth overall pick in the 2005 NFL draft, was cleared of all charges by two grand juries last week.

on the team, I'm going to make sure you're OK," Jones said. "That's why I was upset. I thought I had a pretty good relationship with most of the guys."

Jones contends he holds no animosity toward the team that cut him loose in March following two major injuries. But

the Bears' backup running back couldn't deny his emotions heading into Sunday's game at Detroit.

He was supposed to be the Lions' star of the future, following in the footsteps of Billy Sims and Barry Sanders. Instead, Jones became an afterthought as quickly as he rose to stardom.

"I really haven't played the situation out in my head too much, to be honest," Jones said of his homecoming. "I just know I'm going back to play them. I guess it is going to be weird. But I don't want to get myself too worked up over it."

"Most of all I want to beat them," Jones said. "No way I want their first win to be on us."


Kiffin
 GETTY IMAGES

Raiders fire Kiffin

The Oakland Raiders fired Lane Kiffin on Tuesday just four games into his second season. The Raiders promoted offensive line coach Tom Cable to interim head coach. Kiffin had a 5-15 record since being hired last year, losing his final game 28-18 on Sunday to San Diego.

Williams resists pot

Ricky Williams says he was briefly tempted to smoke marijuana during the Miami Dolphins' bye weekend, an act that could have ended

his roller-coaster NFL career. "But I just thought about what I have to lose, and it was easy. The urge didn't last very long," Williams told The Miami Herald for Tuesday's editions.

Mandarich: I used steroids

Former NFL draft bust Tony Mandarich says he used steroids at Michigan State and faked a drug test before the 1988 Rose Bowl. He also said during an interview on "Inside the NFL" that will air Wednesday on Showtime that he did not use steroids in the NFL but was addicted to alcohol and painkillers.

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"We're where we expected to be—in the finals. That's who we are. That's all we talk about. Anything else is a lost season for us."

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Ready or not

Here it comes! 13 ways to get into the Halloween spirit

By Metromix staff

Summer's end usually leads to bouts of freaking out, but if you really want a scare, try this on for size: Halloween is just around the corner. Get into the mood with these seasonal events, from haunted houses and frightful fare to killer bashes.

1 Keep your eyes peeled.

Who knows what mind-bending gruesomeness will jump out from beyond the darkness when Oracle Theatre revives its 15-minute thriller, "Disturbed III." This year's show features a creepy surgery theme. Ouch! 8 p.m. Oct. 10. Through Nov. 1. \$9. 3809 N. Broadway.

2 Drink blood.

The decadent Midnight Blood Orange cocktail (\$10) at Between Boutique Cafe & Lounge combines blood orange juice and bitters with hazelnut-infused vodka and

chocolate liqueur. Also, see if you can sniff out any truth to the rumors that chef Radhika Desai is on the next season of Bravo's "Top Chef." 1324 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-292-0585.

3 Scavenge for a costume.

Score this year's get-up on the cheap at the Bailiwick Halloween Costume and Clearance Sale, offering random wares such as mullet wigs and faux animal appendages. \$1 entry. 10 a.m. Oct. 18. Bailiwick Arts Center, 1229 W. Belmont Ave. 773-883-1090.

4 Walk on the wild side.

The 12th Annual North Halsted Halloween Parade is Boystown's answer to sweet grammar-school costume strolls of yesteryear, except this affair ain't quaint. The boisterous bash includes a costume contest and live music. Free. 7 p.m. Oct. 31. Halsted Street and Belmont Avenue. 773-868-3010.

5 Bring out your dead.

Bone up on Mexican traditions when Adobo Grill brings in a sugar skull artist and rolls out a special menu Oct. 30 (1610 N. Wells St.) and Oct. 31 (2005 W. Division St.) for Dia de los Muertos, a spirited celebration in itself.

6 Pimp it up.

Fur-collared suits and thigh-high boots are appropriate dress (for once) at Crobar's eighth annual Pimp and Ho Party. Don't forget to polish that cane: \$1,000 goes to the best respective get-ups. 10 p.m. Nov. 1. \$10-\$20. 1543 N. Kingsbury. Tickets: crobar.com

7 Laugh through a bloodbath.

Watch in faux horror as The Annoyance Theatre spoofs 1980s slasher films—complete with buckets of fake blood—in its annual so-corny-it's-funny production of "Splatter Theatre." 10 p.m. Saturday. Through Nov. 1. \$15. 4830 N. Broadway. 773-561-4665.

8 Mouth off.

Who better to match the over-the-top nature of Halloween than Sandra Bernhard? See the outspoken actress perform comedy and sing with her band The Rebellious Jezebels.

Costumes and early ticket purchase encouraged. 7 and 9:30 p.m. Oct. 27. \$50-\$60. Steppenwolf Theatre Company, 1650 N. Halsted St. 312-335-1650.

9 Question your sanity.

The normally refined Theater on the Lake switches gears for its annual Haunted Sanitarium haunted house, complete with a "demented clown's test lab." Eek. Opens 7 p.m. Oct. 10. Through Nov. 1. Check metromix.com for schedule. \$8-\$10. 2401 N. Lake Shore Drive. 312-742-7994.

10 Geek out.

Cozy up to 24 hours of bloodcurdling horror flicks, including "The Exorcist" and "Phantom of the Paradise," at the Music Box Massacre IV. Meet "Hellraiser" director Clive Barker to boot. Noon Oct. 25. \$27-\$33. 3733 N. Southport Ave. Tickets: ticketweb.com

11 Think big.

Excalibur scares up more than \$10,000 in cash and prizes—

including three, \$1,000 first-place cash awards—during its two-day monster mash, the X-ecutioner's Ball VII. 7 p.m. Oct. 31-Nov. 1. \$10-\$15. 632 N. Dearborn St. 312-266-1944.

12 Howl at the moon.

Outfit your pup in ghastly gear for the Howl-o-ween Dog Costume Contest in Margate Park, where winners of Best Homemade and Best Store-bought costume take home prizes. Includes a silent auction and \$300 cash raffle. 2 p.m. Oct. 18. Free; \$5 contest entry fee. 4921 N. Marine Drive. Contact: info@puptown.org

13 Get tricked.

Local acts dress up and perform as rock legends at Abbey Pub's Halloween weekend 2008, featuring B1g T1me as Tom Waits, Dead Electric as AC/DC and more. Specials include \$4 Harp and \$3.50 Sam Adams Oktoberfest pints, and \$5 burgers and barbecue pork 'wiches. 8:30 p.m. Oct. 30-31. \$8-\$10. 3420 W. Grace St. 773-478-4408.

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They've got your goat

The Spot, 4437 N. Broadway. 773-728-8934.

Whether or not you believe in the Cubs curse, you have to admire the enthusiasm behind **Kill The Curse, Roast the Goat Gala and Extravaganza**, a feast of all-you-can-eat brats, wings, mac 'n' cheese, nachos and more, plus freshly roasted goat, draft beer and a chance to win last-minute tickets and transportation to Wednesday's 5:30 p.m. game against the L.A. Dodgers. 3 p.m. \$30-\$45.

Brew love

Piece, 1927 W. North Ave. 773-772-4422.

Oktoberfest—like the subprime mortgage crisis—is a gift that just won't stop. Celebrate Day 12 of the 16-day long tradition at the Wicker Park brewpub's **Oktoberfest** party, featuring the Polkaholics (9 p.m.) and Oktoberfest brews from Three Floyds, Micky Finn's, Crown and others. Pints cost \$5; a \$7 flight includes them all. Prost! 8 p.m. No cover.

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Oktoberfest and Halloween aren't the only biggies on tap: October is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Add a facial, massage or wax to your party plans with the **Pretty in Pink Fundraiser**, featuring \$31 treatments to benefit the Breast Cancer Network of Strength. Participating spas include Agua Salon (5346 W. Devon Ave.) and Spa Soak (1733 N. Milwaukee Ave.). Complete list: prettycity.com/pink

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River East Art Center, 435 E. Illinois St. 312-222-8900.

For a threesome that won't leave anyone in the cold, head to the **Wine, Women and Shoes** shopping benefit for UNICEF's Accelerated Child Survival Initiative. The bewitching trio includes fall footwear from Nordstrom, wine and champagne, appetizers, auctions and a shoe raffle. Men are welcome. 6 p.m. \$85-\$185.

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'Count' down to Halloween

Studio Theater, Chicago Cultural Center, 77 E. Randolph St. 312-742-8497.

The Incurable Theater Company takes a bite out of F.W. Murnau's creepy vampire flick "Nosferatu" with its new show **"In the Curious Hold of the Demeter: Count Orlock at Sea."** Inspired by the 1922 film, the darkly comic tale portrays a troubled count who stows away on a Russian schooner and features eerie puppets, masks, shadowplay and projected images. 7:30 p.m. Through Oct. 25. \$10-\$15. Tickets: dcatheater.org

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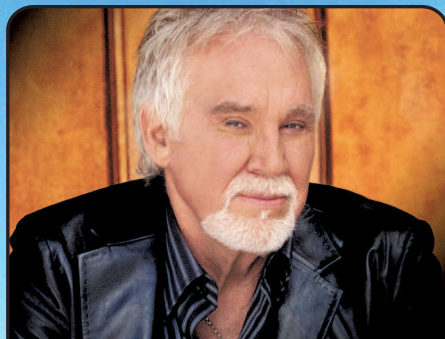
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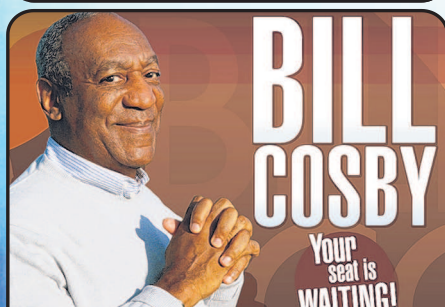
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Sun.: Free appetizer with purchase of a bottle of wine; 1346 W. Devon Ave. 773-465-5720.

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Let's play ball!

5 ways to get pumped for playoffs

By Emily Hiser Lobdell

The Cubs last won the World Series 100 years ago. The White Sox last won the World Series three years ago. Ninety-seven years' difference aside,

North and South Siders are both clamoring for bragging rights in 2008. We've rounded up a few places around town that can help you get psyched for the big games on the way. Dare we hope for a Red Line series?

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1 Stuff your face

Think you're a crazy Cubs fan? Cy Oldham, owner of **Fat Cat** (4840 N. Broadway, 773-506-3100), and hubby Jason have held Cubs season tickets for 13 years and even postponed their 2003 honeymoon so they could attend the playoffs. While watching games on one of eight TVs, fellow fans can feast on the Cubs-themed Century Burger: a bratwurst layered on top of a burger, topped with Swiss cheese and DeKonik beer mustard and served with hand-cut fries (\$10.95). Before the first pitch, gather your crew and down a round of Holy Cow shots, made with DeKuyper Island Blue Pucker layered with housemade pineapple-infused vodka and grenadine.

2 Drop a bomb

At bars such as **Schoolyard Tavern** (3258 N. Southport Ave. 773-528-8226) and **WestEnd** (1326 W. Madison St. 312-981-7100), the act of downing bombs might be just as treasured as Harry Caray's renditions of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." It's equally fitting that the two bars, along with the four others owned by the Four Corners group, will launch a Cubs versus Sox bomb contest. Cubs fans can knock back the Blue Bomber (Stoli Blueberry, Red Bull and blue curacao), while South Siders can go for the Sox-themed Black Bomber (Jagermeister and Red Bull). The bars will track which drink (both \$8) sells more for as long as both teams are in the playoffs.

3 Embrace the madness

Next to rooting inside Wrigley Field, there's nothing quite like cramming into a nearby bar with a plastic cup in your hand, shoulder to shoulder in a sea of red and blue. **Casey Moran's** (3660 N. Clark St. 773-755-4444) is bound to be bursting at the seams for both home and away games, so get there early to stake out your spot directly in front of one of 35 50-inch high-def TVs. They're scattered throughout the place, including both the rooftop deck and in the outdoor beer garden if the mild weather holds. If you expect to find food or drink specials though, you're dreaming; while draft beers are a buck more than usual at \$6-\$7.50, the four mini-burgers with fries (\$7.95) aren't a bad deal to share.



4 Don't stop believing

The White Sox's tumultuous road to the playoffs hasn't been easy. No better place to toast their achievement than **Mitchell's Tap** (3356 S. Halsted St. 773-927-6073), a classic Bridgeport hang just a short walk from the Cell. Good news: Mitchell's honors its weekly specials even on game days, including \$3 pints of imported brews such as Hacker-Pschorr and Smithwick's on Wednesdays. During playoff games, Miller will storm the place with giveaways and live radio broadcasts. Knock a few back and you'll be linking arms with locals singing Journey in no time.

5 Kill the curse

What if you could do your part to end the Curse of the Billy Goat—one bite at a time? Fans who do their pre-Cubs dining at Old School Italian eatery **Angelina Ristorante** (3561 N. Broadway, 773-935-5933) before home games will score a free goat cheese and sun-dried tomato tart—the owners' effort to ward off any bad omens from the legendary curse. As to whether eating copious amounts of cheese will truly help the Cubbies take the series, we say it's worth a shot.

The 7th inning cutoff

Following a city proposal, bars neighboring Wrigley Field agreed to voluntarily stop alcohol sales in the 7th inning of Cubs playoff games in which the team could clinch the series. This includes bars on Clark Street and Sheffield Avenue from Newport to Waveland Avenues and Addison Street between Sheffield and Clark, according to the 44th Ward Service Office. Drink sales resume after the 9th inning. Whether Bridgeport bars will follow suit was yet to be decided at press time.

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GASLIGHT BAR AND GRILLE

\$3.50 pints, \$5 sandwiches; 2426 N. Racine Ave. 773-929-7759.

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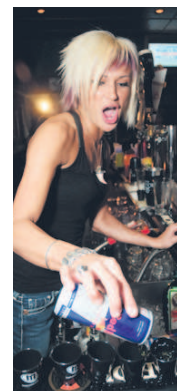
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Mix masters

Metromix readers packed Victory Liquors for our **Best Bartender Bash** Sept. 24, where our Final Five bartenders manned the bars to shake up samples of their signature drinks. Even 2006 Best Bartender Johnny "Cocktail" Vithoulkas (below, middle) was spotted cheering on this year's competitors. Visit metromix.com for more pics and upcoming events.



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\$4 Bud and Bud Light bottles, \$12 Sauza margarita pitchers; 3356 N. Halsted St. 773-281-3355.

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\$1 well drinks, wine and domestic drafts, VJs Riley York and Bryan, DJ Chris Eterno spins. \$5; 800 W. Belmont Ave. 773-327-7711.

THE SPOT
3 p.m.: Kill the Curse, Roast the Goat Gala and Extravaganza. Feast on all-you-can-eat brats, wings, mac 'n' cheese, nachos and more, plus freshly roasted goat and draft beer (Bitburger, Leinenkugel's, Fat Tire and Miller Lite) at this Cubs fans' party. Score a chance to win last-minute tickets and transportation to Wednesday's 5:30 p.m. game at Wrigley; \$30-\$45; 4437 N. Broadway. 773-728-8934.

THE TIN LIZZIE
Half-price all drinks; 2483 N. Clark St. 773-549-1132.

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\$3 Stella Artois drafts; 2447 N.

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\$7 double pints, \$5 glasses of wine; 5025 N. Clark St. 773-784-6000.

THE UPTOWN LOUNGE
\$4 Hacker-Pschorr and Guinness drafts; 1136 W. Lawrence Ave. 773-878-1136.

VICTORY LIQUORS
\$1 Miller Lite bottles, half-price burgers; 2610 N. Halsted St. 773-348-5600.

VINTNER'S CELLAR WINERY
8 p.m. "Project Runway" viewing party. No cover; 2048 W. Belmont Ave. 773-290-2797.

BEST BARTENDER 2008

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Your Best Bartender 2008:
Dani Hoyler of Sheffield's

Self-proclaimed beer girl Dani Hoyler stepped out of her comfort zone to compete in our 2008 Best Bartender competition, deftly slinging liquor bottles alongside four other finalists Sept. 24 at Victory Liquors. After days of heated voting, Metromix readers lauded this Sheffield's bartender with the top honors.

Fan favorite: Hoyler lead the polls early on during our competition's Top 10 round, and her friends rallied around her at the Sept. 24 showdown wearing matching T-shirts donning her last name. Her drink—raspberry rum-spiked lemonade with a splash of soda—was among this year's most straightforward drinks, but there's something to be said for simplicity. "It does the job," she says. "It's not too sweet; it's not too strong. It doesn't have 8,000 ingredients, and it doesn't get overly complicated."

The reign ahead: In the wake of her big win, we asked Hoyler how she plans to use

her Best Bartender title for the greater good. "Besides lording it over everyone? Everyone I work with has now started calling me the best bartender in the world, or the universe, or of all time. They're not patronizing at all," she says. "You know, I think I'll probably end up having

to serve more people." Fewer thirsty souls in Chicago? We like the sound of that. —Lisa Arnett

Best Drink of the Night

During our Sept. 24 bash, readers also had the chance to participate in an on-site text vote for Best Drink of the Night. NV Penthouse Lounge bartender Emirano Eperiam won the honors for the **Greed Martini**,

a concoction of pear vodka, pomegranate liqueur, strawberries and lemonade topped off with Nuvo sparkling liqueur.



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Painfully honest

Singer Rachael Yamagata returns with a new record, voice that hurts so good

By Matt Pais

If ever there was an example of duality, it's Rachael Yamagata.

The pianist/singer-songwriter won't tell us the truth about her age, but she'll willingly admit that she's lied about it before. Her music is considerably dark, but her live shows are often light and funny and deliberately try to avoid sounding too gloomy. And when we ask the (31-year-old?) singer, who releases her long-awaited sophomore album "Elephants ... Teeth Sinking Into Heart" on Oct. 7, about the best and worst thing about being an elephant, she initially lists elephants' strong memories as the best ... and then changes it to the worst, as we discuss how a long memory helps you better remember all the pain in your past.

The contrast is fitting, considering the approach of Yamagata's new record, which is divided in two parts. The first,

Rachael Yamagata

When: 7 and 10 p.m. Wednesday

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"Elephants ...," is a tender, ballad-heavy and often heart-breaking meditation on the emotional state of relationships. The second, "Teeth Sinking Into Heart,"

attempts to recover from heartbreak and is, as Yamagata says, "more gritty and volatile and [about] reclaiming your backbone and finding your independence again."

From her current hometown of Philadelphia—Yamagata spent several years in Chicago, as a student at Northwestern University and member of local funk outfit Bumpus—the singer told us about the album's contrasting tones and whether or not she's trying to pull people over to the dark side.



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Someone described hearing your voice as "like listening to silk." How would you describe it?

Oh, god. Maybe, like, "velvety sandpaper raspiness."

Sounds like a dessert or something.

It might hurt you, but it'll taste good for a while.

Is that a fitting assessment of you in general? Or relationships?

I don't know. I've changed over the years, definitely. I feel on a personal, character-based level I'm a really compassionate, sweet and strong person. Probably vulnerable to my detriment but honest. As honest as I can be. ... I've certainly gone through stages of not having integrity and hurting someone for obvious reasons, but I think that I can certainly pack a punch with just being deadpan honest about things. And getting under somebody's skin with how honest it can be.

If someone is already happy in their romantic life, should they skip to the album's second, less anguishing half?

No, I wouldn't say that. I think it's more like, if you're feeling really internal and introspective and perhaps isolated and willing to go to the dark side, the first side will probably suit your mood very well. I really envision it as being somebody's headphone experience by themselves or taking a walk or in a storm. I almost feel like it's the kind of thing you listen to once a year. The other side is driving in your car, windows rolled down. It's got a lighter feel

to it but just a different mode. It's like an anthemic, powerful, energizing feeling. The other one's like deep water.

I'm sure not many people would say, "That Rachael Yamagata, she's really trying to bring people over to the dark side."

[Laughs] No, it's all about finding the light anyways. Analyzing the darkness just before you find it.

People have said some extremely positive things to you in concert. Any negatives?

I can't think of anything too negative other than, "Take your shirt off!"

How often do you get that?

Oh, that only happened once, and I snapped right back, so it was fine.

Did that person at least take their shirt off?

They didn't. They didn't offer anything of themselves.

That doesn't seem like a fair trade.

No, not at all. Not at all.

You've called yourself an "indecisive control freak hopeless romantic." Would you say that's still accurate as of today?

Yeah, yeah I would. [Laughs] You know what, I've gotten better at the decision-making part. I'm learning to trust my instincts more than I ever have. But everything else is probably pretty true.

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Chicago Tribune

A shortcut to judging whether a fashion brand is in or out: Does a celebrity turn up for the runway show?

By that measure, Fashion Focus Chicago, in its fourth year, rocks.

Pete Wentz of Fall Out Boy will host the city-sponsored fashion week's opening runway show Wednesday. At Gen Art's "Fresh Faces in Fashion" event, the Wilmette native will be flanked by models wearing his Clandestine Industries punk-inflected print hoodies, T-shirts and more.

Still, Mayor Daley wants more than a flash of fame for Chicago's fashion scene. One motivation: A successful Olympics bid demands world-class cultural breadth.

Everyone agrees Chicago's retail landscape rivals just about any city's. But to be taken seriously in New York and elsewhere, a few observers say Fashion Focus still has work to do:

- » Call more attention to the most progressive design.
- » Invite the same bloodless critiques as in other fashion capitals.
- » Lure designers from outside the city, a la St. Louis Fashion Week, which has expanded to a spring and fall week in 2008.
- » Attract additional buyers, fashion editors and taste-makers from the city and beyond.
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- » More boundary-busting.

Chicago Tribune

Pete Wentz knows he's no Marc Jacobs, but he's no mere figurehead for his Clandestine Industries line of hoodies, T's and jeans either. "I'm obsessive," he said. "I insert my ideas into everything from creation to marketing and come up with the initial sketches—though I am not particularly wicked with the needle and thread. I also have a great team that I rely on and are the glue who hold Clandestine together." Beyond his brand, Wentz has pumped rock-star energy into the entire Fashion Focus Chicago lineup. Wentz, who will host Gen Art's Fresh Faces in Fashion event Wednesday, recently answered some questions via e-mail:

Wentz
to pump
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Wentz

Fashion Focus' chief ambassadors say it already has checked most of those boxes.

Designer Maria Pinto, showing as part of the Allure of Couture runway show this year, has gained national acclaim for dressing Michelle Obama. The young Chicago-based design team behind DieterBennet, part of the Fresh Faces lineup last year, just showed its spring collection as part of Fashion Week in New York.

"Although it's a long, uphill road, [Fashion Focus is] growing every year, step by step," said neckwear and shirt designer Lee Allison, co-chairman of the Mayor's Fashion Council.

Beyond its bolder ambitions, Fashion Focus is sheer fun, led by the five runway shows as well as design and model contests, shopping tours, exhibits and seminars.

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a Erin Gallagher "Amelia" necklace in labradorite, \$770, layered with Erin Gallagher "Greta" necklace, \$310, both available at Erin Gallagher Jewelry, 1017 W. Lake St. and erin.gallagher.com.

b Agga B. teal dress with leather pocket inlays, \$560 at Jake, 939 N. Rush St., 312-664-5553.

c Calvin Klein Passion pumps, \$98 at Macy's State Street.

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On top of all your other ventures, why did you decide to do a fashion line?

It's kind of like asking a tiger why he likes the jungle better than the cage. It's not fun being stuck in the zoo.

How and why did you hook up with Fashion Focus?

I have been coming back to Chicago more and more because the operations for my line (Clandestine Industries), our retail store and my new bar (Angels & Kings) are here. Being in the city so much, I have gotten a chance to see how much the city is growing—in terms of music, art and fashion. It's amazing how much the city and the mayor are supporting these programs to make Chicago an even bigger destination. I really wanted to get involved, and Fashion Focus was the perfect way for me to do that.

How would you describe Chicago style?

It's everything from Kanye [West] to Chicago, the band. From "Adventures in Babysitting" to "Batman Begins."

Have you had a chance to check out any other Chicago designers' work? A fan of any?

I wish there were more menswear designers! But for women I would say—Samsara Design [whose hats are part of the Fresh Faces show], Abigail Glaum-Lathbury [showing at Allure of Couture] and Lisa Kingsley Handbags.



GEN ART'S FRESH FACES IN FASHION

WHEN: Cocktails and shopping at 6 p.m.

Wednesday. Runway show, at 7:30 p.m., presents five emerging Chicago designers, including Elise Bergman, whose work is featured left.

RUNWAY RUNDOWN

Whether you're a Dries van Noten snob or a "Zoolander" fan, the Fashion Focus Chicago runway shows are worth a look, all at Millennium Park's Chase Promenade North. **TRIBUNE**

THURSDAY

World Fashion Chicago

Scene: Global cool. This show features designers with ties to one of Chicago's 27 sister cities, who correct views about what Jordanian or Serbian fashion is.

Specs: Pre-show reception at 6 p.m. Show at 7:30 p.m.; after-party at 9 p.m. at the Trump Hotel.

One to watch: The designs of Anna Fong (right) who won the very first AOL Latino Fashionista award, have been spotted on celebs such as Kimora Lee Simmons.

Tickets: Free show; R.S.V.P. at worldfashionchicago.com. (Pre-reception: \$100.) Call 312-744-2520 or see chicagosistercities.com.



FRIDAY

Dress Code, the student show

Scene: Artsy and conceptual. The new show presents top students from Chicago's fashion design departments at Columbia College Chicago, the Illinois Institute of Art, the International Academy of Design and Technology and the School of the Art Institute.

Specs: 7:30 p.m.

Ones to watch: Besides the students, the five finalists from the "Mario Make Me a Model" search, conceived by Chicago hair king Mario Tricoci, will walk the runway to gain your vote. The winner will be announced.

Tickets: Free; R.S.V.P. at chicagofashionresource.com.



Cave

economy and rebuilding resourcefully something new," he said.

Tickets: Free; R.S.V.P. to chicagofashionresource.com.

MONDAY

The Allure of Couture

Scene: Mingling fall and spring designs of Chicago's elite visionaries such as Maria Pinto, this show has the fashion-forward feel of European runways.

Specs: 7:30 p.m.

One to watch: Nick Cave, who has repurposed men's dress shirts as spring women's wear. "The point of view for this collection is the fall of the

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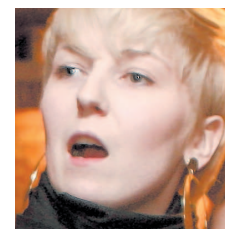
Macy's Presents the Designers of Chicago

Scene: Macy's presentation of spring 2009 collections it will carry, by both established and up-and-coming Chicago designers.

Specs: 7:30 p.m.

Ones to watch: Agga B., who won a design residency at the Chicago Fashion Incubator. Also, relative newcomers 5p1t, hailed by Fashion Group International as the next big thing.

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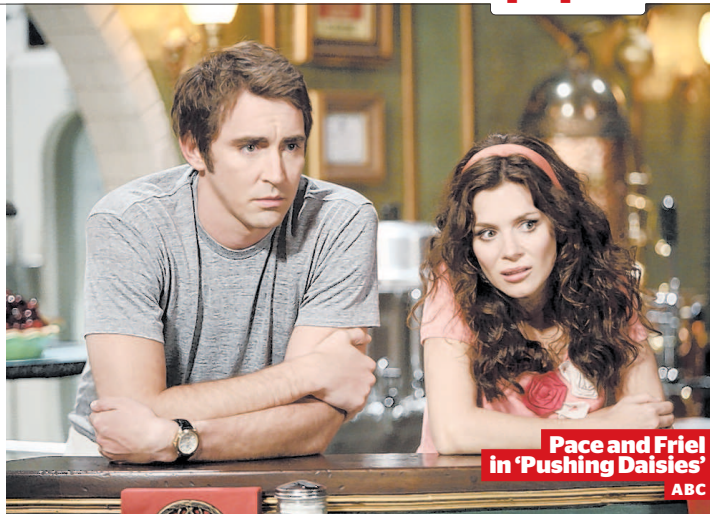


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Pace and Friel
in 'Pushing Daisies'
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Sophomore restarts

The writers' strike last winter prematurely ended the season of several freshmen TV shows that are now returning. ABC brings back the same Wednesday lineup. Will "Pushing Daisies," "Private Practice" and "Dirty Sexy Money" survive their sophomore seasons?

Pushing Daisies 7 p.m. Wednesday, ABC

!!!! The scoop: The murder of Betty's Bees model Kentucky Fitz (Autumn Reeser) catches the (private) eye of Emerson Cod (Chi McBride), who teams with pie-maker Ned (Lee Pace) and his gal Chuck (Anna Friel) to solve the crime. By the way, Ned's the guy who brings back the dead, but if he touches them a second time they die for good. That's why he still pines to kiss his revived sweetheart Chuck.

What works: The whimsical music, candy-coated colors, sing-songy dialogue and wonderful acting make this comic fantasy a joy to watch. The new season revs up with appearances by fun supporting characters, including Swoosie Kurtz and Ellen Greene as Chuck's eccentric aunts. Also not to be missed is a spoof of "Sound of Music" by waitress Olive Snook (Kristin Chenoweth), who quits the Pie Hole and joins a nunnery.

What doesn't: "Daisies" can get a little too sweet, but ghoulish moments snap viewers out of the sugar coma. For example, a nervous Ned delivers this deadpan line: "If I could breathe, I would vomit."

Tune in or out? My favorite new show of last season is my favorite returning show.

Private Practice 8 p.m. Wednesday, ABC

|||| The scoop: Dr. Addison Montgomery (Kate Walsh) and her doctor buds run the Oceanside Wellness Group in Santa Monica, Calif., where they spend a lot of time flirting—and not practicing medicine.

What works: Finally, the tough Addison we remember from "Grey's Anatomy" emerges. She argues with her partners, yells at her patients' parents and puts business before friendship—all in the premiere.

What doesn't: Oceanside is in financial trouble as the season begins; apparently Naomi Bennett (Audra McDonald) is a better doctor than businesswoman. Maybe her ex hubby and business partner, Sam (Taye Diggs), can save the practice. Yawn.

Tune in or out? I couldn't care less about any of these doctors. Addison, move back to Seattle!

Dirty Sexy Money 9 p.m. Wednesday, ABC

|||| The scoop: The wealthy Darling family sinks its fangs even deeper into once-honorable lawyer Nick George (Peter Krause).

What works: Youngest Darling brother Jeremy (Seth Gabel) remains my favorite character. In the opener, he uses his boyish charm to nearly seduce Nick's wife and then is seduced himself by newcomer Lucy Liu.

What doesn't: Darling daddy Tripp (Donald Sutherland) gives Nick a yacht for his birthday—and for keeping mum about a death involving politician son Patrick (Billy Baldwin). Really? Would Nick walk away from a corpse like that? He used to be such a nice guy.

Tune in or out? The show's writers are embracing the fact that "Dirty Sexy Money" is an overheated soap along the lines of "Dallas" and "Dynasty." But I don't have to.

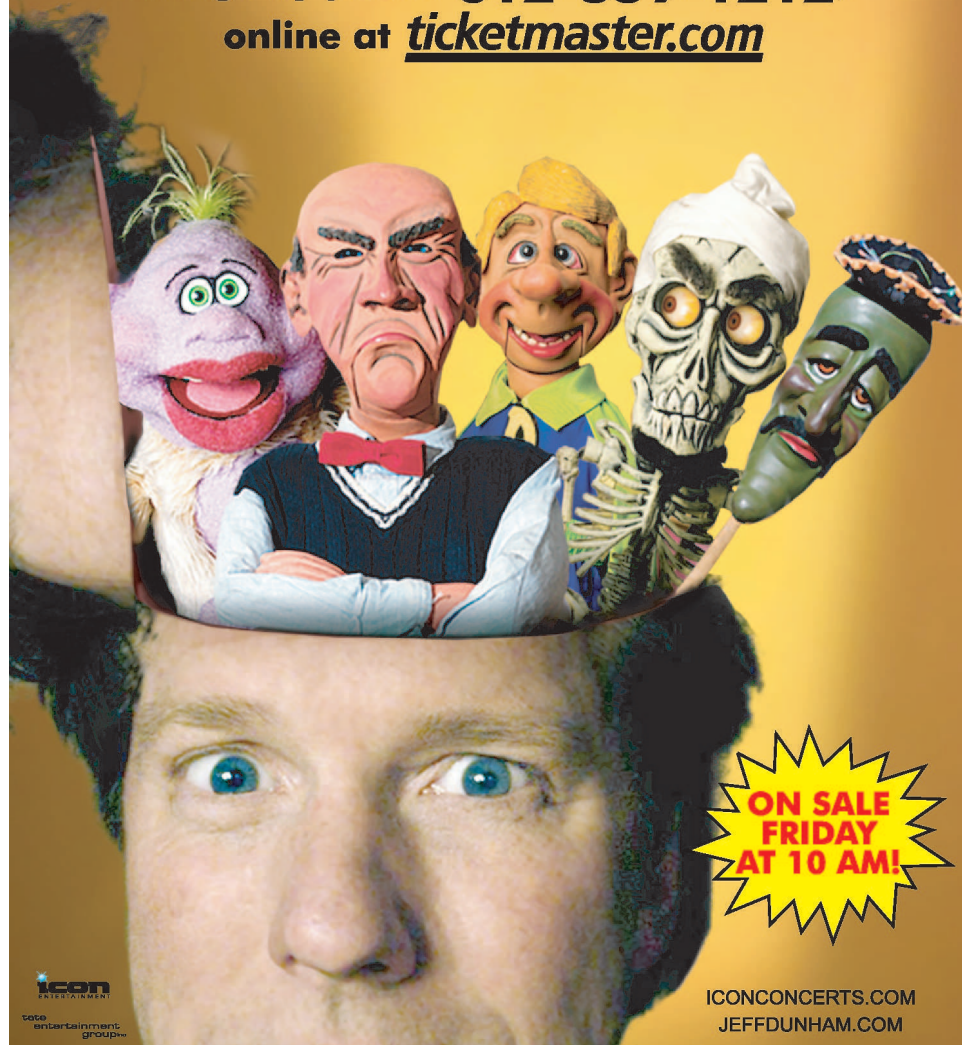
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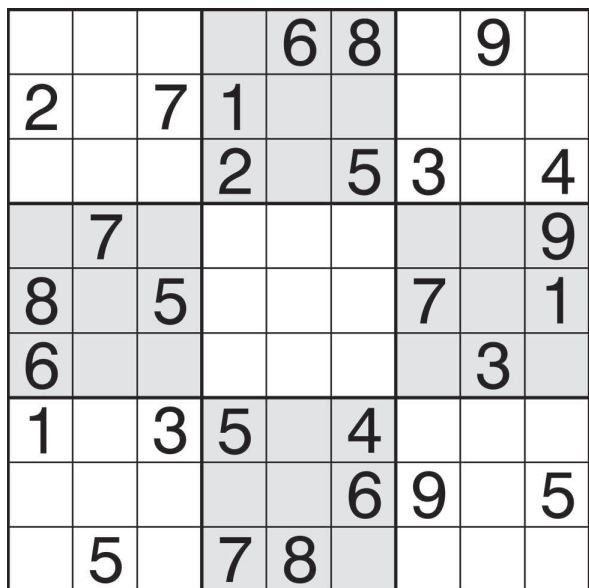
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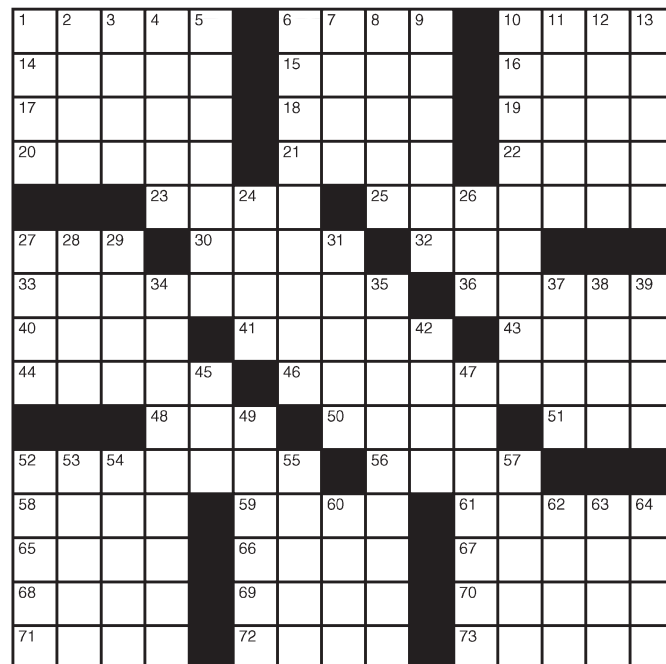
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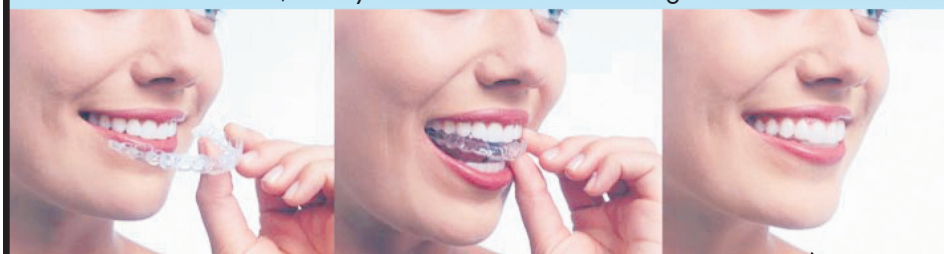
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Realer than real

Diddy, Paris and Co. just can't say no to reality TV cameras

By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

Diddy is getting real ... again. The hip-hop mogul is partnering with reality king Mark Burnett to create “StarMaker,” the search to find the next history-making superstars, according to [zap2it.com](#).

Sound familiar? Diddy has searched for talent in “Mak-

ing the Band,” “Making the Band 2,” “Making the Band 3,” “Making the Band 4” and “I Want to Work for Diddy.”

Nor is he the only celeb with a lengthy reality-show resume. RedEye looks at other stars who constantly remind us how much reality bites. TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM

Paris Hilton

The shows: “The Simple Life” and “Paris Hilton’s My New BFF”

The schtick: Paris and her bestie find themselves in strange situations. Wackiness ensues.



Flavor Flav

The shows: “Flavor of Love,” “Strange Love” and “The Surreal Life”

The schtick: The rap legend is lovesick all the time—maybe because he looks for love in all the thong places.



Brooke Hogan

The shows: “Hogan Knows Best” and “Brooke Knows Best”

The schtick: Watch Brooke float through her early adulthood years and sing some songs. Unfortunately, the producers don’t know what’s best for TV viewers.



Janice Dickinson

The shows: “The Janice Dickinson Modeling Agency,”

“America’s Next Top Model,” “The Surreal Life” and “Abbey & Janice: Beauty & The Best”

The schtick: Janice dresses up, mocks others for not being fabulous and demands attention. And, oh yeah, did you know she’s supposedly the world’s first supermodel?



Mario Lopez

The shows: “MTV’s Top Pop Group,” “Randy Jackson Presents America’s Best Dance Crew,” “Dancing with the Stars” and “Pet Star”

The schtick: Mario helps find undiscovered talent and tries to make America forget he once starred in “Saved by the Bell” as the mulleted A.C. Slater.





Crowe in 'Body of Lies'
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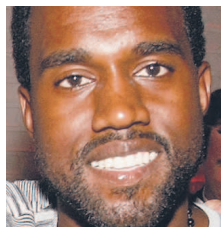
Starring Russell grow

From beefcake to cupcake—Russell Crowe told “Extra” he gained 63 pounds for his role as a manipulative CIA boss in “Body of Lies.”

“I’ll have the cheeseburger for breakfast, thank you,” he recalled thinking. He also said he was fond of Sprinkles cupcakes during his weight gain.

Leonardo DiCaprio also stars in the movie, which comes out Oct. 10. Crowe said he often pranked DiCaprio in between takes.

“I’d wait until he was sitting in the makeup chair, and I’d walk past him and go, ‘Ah-choo!’ and I’d squirt the atomizer so just little bits of fine mist would form on his face and he’d obviously assume it was mucus.”



Kanye David?

Kanye West (left) might be one step closer to becoming, as he puts it, “the black Larry David.”

Director Larry

Charles, who has worked on “Seinfeld” and David’s “Curb Your Enthusiasm,” tells movie Web site comingsoon.net he has shot the pilot episode of a “Curb”-style comedy starring West reportedly being shopped to TV networks.

“What Kanye West said to me the first time, he said, ‘I’m the black Larry David.’ That’s the first thing he said to me,” Charles said. “So it’s like a Kanye and ‘Curb’ show, it’s kind of improvised about the situations and stuff.”

Road show

Britney Spears will hit the road, baby, one more time. The pop star confirmed during a radio station appearance that she will take her album “Circus” on tour, according to accesshollywood.com.

“I like the fact that it’s so empowering for girls because it’s basically saying, ‘Ya know, we know what you’re up to,’” Britney told New York’s Z100 about “Womanizer,” the first single off the album. “It’s about guys cheating on other girls and stuff like that. And it’s kinda like a girl anthem, so that’s why I like it.”

California girl

Does “Californication,” a journey through one writer’s sex-starved life, get you atwitter?

Then check out Mia Cross’ Twitter feed, twitter.com/miacross. A fiesty teenager, Cross is the former love interest of David Duchovny’s character, writer Hank Moody.

Cross Twitters about her interests and posts V-logs.

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Been eating nasty food?

Is Janet Jackson OK? The Grammy winner was briefly hospitalized in Montreal on Monday after she "got suddenly ill" during her sound check, which led to the cancellation of her show, according to a statement from her PR firm, W&W Public Relations.

According to a hospital rep, Jackson "was checked into the Royal Victoria Hospital and left a couple of hours later," **people.com** reported.

Jackson also reportedly canceled her show in Detroit on Friday due to production restraints, according to **tmz.com**, and two shows have been postponed, The Associated Press reported.

It's hard to be a 'Gossip' guy

The "Gossip Girl" trio of hotties—Chace Crawford, Penn Badgley and Ed Westwick—are on the cover of **Details** and gossip about their fans. "I get a lot of guys coming up to me who are like, 'Oh man, my wife loves the show.' Couple of drinks later they come up and they're like, 'You know what, I love Dan.' And they probably watch the show more than their wives," Badgley, who

plays Dan Humphrey, said, according to excerpts from **people.com**. Crawford on what his critics say about him: "Model-turned-actor, dime a dozen, eye candy, doesn't know what he's doing ... and Perez Hilton says I have 'gayface.' So on top of everything else, I have to overcome gayface." No matter what Perez or anybody else says, we love you. XOXO.

THE VELVET ROPE

DJ AM back on his feet

DJ AM was among about 300 mourners who attended the memorial service Monday of one of the victims of the Sept. 20 Learjet crash that killed four people; AM and Travis Barker were injured in the crash.



DJ AM

Chris "Lil' Chris" Baker was Barker's good friend and assistant, according to **people.com**. Barker, who was released from the hospital Monday, was unable to attend.

Paris Hilton, who is a friend of Barker and DJ AM, told Ryan Seacrest on his radio show Tuesday that the Learjet crash has given her second thoughts about how she travels.

"[I've flown] in that type of plane, but now I will never go in one again," she said, according to "Access Hollywood." "You never know what can happen."

Trouble in paradise?

There may be unrest in the Playboy Mansion.

Hugh Hefner told **usmagazine.com** last week that his relationship with his No. 1 girl, Holly Madison, is "in transition." On Saturday, another of the "Girls Next Door," Kendra Wilkinson, admitted that "there are a lot of changes going on," according to **Us**. "There's a lot of rumors about me moving on, Holly moving on... it's really sad."

"Hef gets really emotional because he really loves us," Wilkinson said.

But luckily the 82-year-old "has a lot of girlfriends around now to keep him happy," she said.

HOT DATE

Oct. 15

Day "The Amazing Spider-Man" comic book featuring Stephen Colbert inside and on the cover of certain editions goes on sale, according to the L.A. Times.



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